

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Scholer

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the students with Youth for Understanding on their visit to the United States to observe democracy in action at the Indiana Statehouse.

Whereas, Youth for Understanding is a non-profit international high school exchange program which is celebrating its 50th anniversary;

Whereas, Youth for Understanding was originally founded to foster peace and understanding between the United States and Germany after World War II;

Whereas, Youth for Understanding has now expanded to include students from 72 countries;

Whereas, each year 3,000 students from around the world take part in Youth for Understanding and attend high school in the United States;

Whereas, the Youth for Understanding program provides scholarships to these students to allow them to experience American culture and to promote peace and understanding between nations;



Whereas, the students here today represent a unique agreement between the U.S. Congress and the former Soviet republics;

Whereas, the students visiting the Indiana Statehouse represent the nations of Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, Russia and the Ukraine;

Whereas, Diana Danchenko, Alexandra Kononenko, Mairambek Baataev, Timur Gerguenia, Marina Gorbatyuk, Victoria Hutorskaya, Irina Kholkina, Anna Khrony, Nickolai Khvan, Yulya Kyrychuk, Oraz Kurbanmuradov, Polina Kushnareva, Sergey Mariyan, Ekaterina Martinyuk, Halyna Mysynchuk, Natalia Plamadeala and Valeria Tokareva will hopefully gain a greater understanding of the democratic process upon observing the actions of the Indiana General Assembly;

Whereas, the students have resided with their host families for the entire school year; and

Whereas, students in Indiana have gained a great deal of knowledge from meeting and interacting with these international students and have learned about their home country and culture; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives welcomes the students from Youth for Understanding and wishes them the best as they continue their studies.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit 20 copies of this resolution to Representative Sue Scholer.

